(b) if so, what are the details of offers and proposals received since policy has been liberalised; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to involve foreign firms in existing power generating units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) While some firms from the West have shown interest in setting up power stations in the private sector, no detailed proposals in this regard has been received so far.

Beautification of Elephanta Caves

10. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: (a) the steps taken by the Central Government for the beautification and further development of Elephanta Caves in Maharashtra as a tourist attraction spot?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Development and beautification of any place for tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism have extended financial assistance for strengthening of the existing jetty at Elephanta and provision of public conveniences through Archaeological Survey of India.

Air India's Contract to Private Parties for Transport

11. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is giving contract to private parties for the transport of cabin crew from residence to the place of work and back;

(b) if so, whether the management has received complaints about the service of the private transporters;

(c) the nature of such complaints received during the past one year and the action taken by the management on such complaints; and

(d) whether Air India would consider to increase its transport department vehicles so as to overcome that difficulties being faced by the cabin crew?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The complaint received was of a minor nature regarding the inability of the vehicle to reach the residence of one of the cabin crew.

(d) No, Sir.

Facilities to Foreign Tourists

12. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any scheme to coordinate the activities of the Departments of Tourism in all States; and

(b) whether different State Road Transport Corporations and the Indian Railways offer any special facilities to the foreign tourists who visit India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the available information, the State Road Transport Corporations offer no special facilities to the foreign tourists. However, Indian Railways offer special facilities to foreign tourists,